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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003, requesting an election of claims for examination purposes, Applicant elects Group I drawn to claims 1-16 without traverse. Accordingly, Applicant withdraws claims 17-27 without prejudice.

With respect to the claims of Group I, the Patent Office requests a species selection between Embodiment 1 (Figure 8) and Embodiment 2 (Figure 9) and notes that none of the claims are generic. Figure 8 and Figure 9 show contact pads coupled to a conductor and shield of a cable according to two different embodiments, respectively. Applicant submits that the species restriction is inappropriate because none of the claims in Group I are limited to the specific embodiment shown in either Figure 8 or Figure 9. Thus, claims in Group I that cover or include the subject matter in Figure 8 and Figure 9 should properly be considered generic. Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office withdraw the species election requirement associated with Group I.

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